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# Alumni Columns

Northwestern State University Magazine







Dr. Chris Maggio  
1985, 1991  
President  
Northwestern State  
University

Dear Alumni:

This new school year at your alma mater is generating extensive excitement and positive attention.

Numerous campus improvements have been completed or are underway. The new NSU Marketplace bookstore and retail area is open at the site of the former bookstore on University Parkway. That modern and expansive retail space will include a Chick-fil-A Express.

If you have made it to a football game this year, you saw the improvements in and around Turpin Stadium.

These and other projects have created an enhanced atmosphere for students, faculty and staff, prospective students, alumni and others. Some of the funding for the upgrades was provided by alumni and other external partners.

All of us deeply appreciate this support that reflects the pride of alumni and friends in our university. This campus beautification will make a favorable impression on prospective students and other visitors in the years ahead.

We are proud this year to be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Mrs. H.D. Dear and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts. CAPA is widely recognized as an area of excellence at Northwestern. The school continues to produce outstanding students, performances and exhibits that demonstrate the enormous talents of its students, faculty and staff.

Northwestern's reputation for innovation and excellence in higher education is expanding across Louisiana and beyond. This momentum is a tribute to our dedicated and impressive faculty and staff, outstanding students and loyal alumni and friends.

Thanks for all you do to support Northwestern in its important work to expand educational achievement, cultural enrichment, economic development and the quality of life in this region, the state and nation.



Drake Owens  
2004, 2005  
Assistant Vice  
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Dear Alumni:

Once again, we are in the full swing of semester activities and planning for another memorable Homecoming celebration. You will find a full schedule of Homecoming events in the center of this magazine and we hope you will plan to participate.

Our alumni engagement continues to grow with 24 alumni chapters nationwide and a growing number of attendance at each activity. If there is not an alumni chapter in your area, we know a few people who will be happy to assist you in starting one.

Our students today face enormous challenges, financial and otherwise. In our efforts to expand programs and create new partnerships, we are grateful to you, our alumni, for your commitment and support. We at Northwestern State continue to pursue many promising endeavors that will enhance student life, academic success and community enrichment and we thank you for all that you do to support your alma mater.

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## CLASS OF 2022



Northwestern State University welcomed the Class of 2022 to campus with the annual New Student Convocation and President's Picnic Sunday, Aug. 19. New Student Convocation is a ceremony to mark the beginning of each student's academic journey, encourage a sense of camaraderie among the class and introduce university traditions. About 1,500 new students are enrolled at NSU for the Fall 2018 semester.

# DEMON DAYS

SO...THIS HAPPENED

### Coollest new teaching tool: **Anatomege table**



Northwestern State's School of Biological and Physical Sciences acquired the most technologically advanced anatomy visualization system for anatomy education. The Anatomege Table features life-size digital images of the human anatomy with digital body cadavers that are completely annotated and fully dissectable. High resolution visualization is available for nerves, blood cells, bones and internal organs. It can be displayed vertically or horizontally.

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## Trahan speaks to Class of 2022 at New Student Convocation



Colin Trahan, center, who graduated from the Louisiana Scholars' College in 2002, was the alumni speaker during Fall Convocation. Trahan resides in California with his wife and two children and has enjoyed a successful career in musical theatre. He is also recognizable from the "Pit of Misery" installment of Bud Light's popular Dilly Dilly commercials. From left are students Zachary Breaux and Jacob Ellis, Student Affairs Director Reatha Cox, Trahan, student speakers Abigail Reynolds and Tarik Andrus, NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio and student Madysen Watts.

## Texas band directors building excellence at Atlanta ISD

A middle school band directed by NSU Alumna Kristin McLaurin Thompson was named the Texas 1C "Honor Band," the equivalent of being named Band of the Year for the entire state of Texas.

Thompson (2004) directs the Atlanta (Texas) Middle School Symphonic Band, which was the first of any band in Atlanta to ever have been named Honor Band, an honor that many music educators work their entire careers toward. Kristin and her husband David Thompson (2003) team teach 6-12th grade band students at Atlanta ISD. David is the brass specialist and middle school Concert Band director and Kristin is the woodwind specialist and middle school Symphonic Band director.

"We are literally around each other 24/7 between working and living together, yet it works for us," Kristin said. "I love having the opportunity to teach the same student(s) for seven years because I not only get to watch them grow as musicians, but also into young adults."

Both earned bachelor's degrees in music education at NSU. This year is Kristin's 14th and David's 15th year at Atlanta ISD, where they are two of five directors. The couple married in 2006 and have two daughters, Ryleigh, 10, and Reagan, 8.

Atlanta Middle School has 363 students in grades 6-8 and 283 of those are band students, which Kristin credits to the dynamics of their staff and the strong support from colleagues at the school.

"Winning Honor Band is a very surreal experience," she said. "I have been to more Honor Band performances at TMEA [Texas Music Educators Association] than I can remember, but NEVER did I think that I would be standing on that stage conducting my own ensemble. As we set our sights on Honor Band, my students understood the work ethic and dedication it would take to achieve such a goal. They never backed down."

Kristin is a native of Dry Prong and David is a native of Whitehouse, Texas.

*"David and I feel fortunate to have had such a world class education from NSU. There are so many professors that played a key role in our education and development, but Bill Brent, Dr. Jeff Mathews and Galindo Rodriguez stand out above the rest. These men care deeply about their music programs and every student they come in contact with. They repeatedly show how much a student can truly flourish with a little patience, understanding, and encouragement."*

—Kristin



David and Kristin McLaurin Thompson





## NSU wishes happy birthday to centenarians Stine and Scriber

Mary Virginia Harkey Scriber (Class of 1939) of Winnsboro was Queen for a Day as she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday June 26 with family and friends. She graduated from Louisiana State Normal College, as NSU was then known, with

a degree in primary education. She was a member of Delta Sigma Epsilon Sorority and the Panhellenic Council.

"She has many good memories of her college days," according to her daughter, Ginger White.

White said her mother grew up in San Antonio, Texas, but after the death of her mother lived during the school year with her grandparents at Fort Necessity near Winnsboro. She graduated from high school at Fort Necessity in 1935 and enrolled at Normal where her mother, May Henrietta Grayson, was also an alumna.

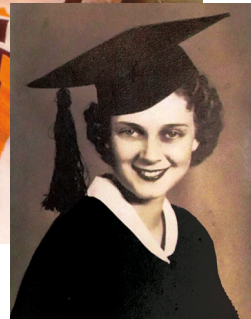
After earning her teaching degree, Scriber taught for school in Winnsboro where many of her former students still remember "Miss Harkey," White said. She married in 1942 and kept teaching while her husband served during World War II. Upon his return the couple started a family and Scriber was a homemaker involved with her church and community.

"She is a wonderful, sweet, sparkling gal," White said.

Scriber was a scrapbooker before scrapbooking was a popular hobby and has many mementoes from her days at Normal – photographs, clippings, pins, cards, flowers and her sorority pin now part of a charm bracelet.



**Mary Virginia Harkey Scriber**



Northwestern State University honored alumnus J.W. Stine of Sulphur with the Nth Degree, a special award that recognizes an individual for meritorious service to others. Stine, a World War II veteran combat pilot and long-time Louisiana businessman and philanthropist, celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday July 22.

Stine was born to Sulphur residents Andrew Stine and Elma Landry Stine and attended Sulphur High School, where he played quarterback for four years. He enrolled at Normal College on a football scholarship in 1939 and lived in Caspari Hall, then a men's dormitory. He left school to join the U.S. Army Air Corps, now the U.S. Air Force, in 1943 and was sent overseas in 1944.

Just before he left to serve overseas, he married his high school

sweetheart Dorris "Dee Dee" Drost. They were married 67 years until her passing in 2011 and raised six sons and one daughter. Stine has 31 grandchildren and 71 great-grandchildren.

In World War II, Stine flew more than 40 combat missions as pilot of a B-26 Marauder in the 17<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, which conducted missions against targets throughout the Mediterranean, Italy, France and Germany.

After the war Stine and a friend started a construction company and later a lumber company in Sulphur, now called

Stine Lumber Company. He became the sole owner in 1952, and during the 1960s and 70s, all six of his sons joined him in the family business.

Headquartered in Sulphur, the company employs 850 associates at 10 locations in Louisiana and one in Mississippi. Although he has been retired for many years, Stine still has an office in the business. Stine Lumber hosted a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at each of its stores on Aug. 4. A private family celebration also took place.

Stine is a member of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur and has been a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion for many years. He has supported many organizations in the community and in 1989, was awarded Citizen of the Year by the Diocese of Lake Charles.



**J.W. Stine, center, is pictured with his sons and daughter.**



# Spotlights



**Dr. Karen Landry** of Texarkana, Texas, was named chair of the Department of Nursing at Southern Arkansas University earlier this year. Landry earned both her B.S. (1972) and M.S. (1975) in nursing from Northwestern State University and her Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Woman's University. She presently serves as department chair and director of nursing at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, Texas, where she is accountable for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the professional education program. She also assists the college dean in designated college initiatives.

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**Sue Westbrook**, longtime dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health at Nicholls State University, has been named provost and vice president for academic affairs, pending approval by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

After graduating from Northwestern State University, Westbrook worked as a nurse for three years before joining the Nicholls faculty as an instructor. Over the course of the next three decades, she added graduate degrees from Nicholls and the LSU Health Sciences Center. She was named dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health in 2004.

She has served on the State Board of Nursing and was named one of The Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana in 2016.

Under Westbrook's watch, Nicholls nursing graduates regularly pass the national licensure exam at rates greater than both the national and state average, and 100 percent of all recent graduates are employed.

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Congratulations to NSU and Spirit of Northwestern alum **Mark Reilly** on his selection to Sergeant Major for the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is one of four premier musical organizations of the United States Army. Members perform using musical instruments and wearing uniforms similar to those used by military musicians of the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

It is the only unit of its kind in the United States' armed forces, and is part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry ("The Old Guard"). The Fife and Drum Corps has been stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, since its founding on February 23, 1960.

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**Darryl Willis** (1991) has been appointed to INROADS Inc.'s national board of directors. INROADS is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and placing talented underserved youth in business and industry and preparing them for corporate and community leadership. Willis serves as vice president of the Oil, Gas and Energy Sector at Google Cloud. As an INROADS alumnus, he is eager to be able to bring his many years of expertise full circle to the organization that helped him start his career years ago. His three-year term began May 18.

Willis earned a Master of Science in Management from Stanford University with concentrations in Managing Global Businesses and Social Responsibility, a Master of Science in Geology and Geophysics from the University of New Orleans and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry & Literature from the Louisiana Scholars College at Northwestern State. Earlier this year, he was inducted into NSU's Alumni Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line.

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Caddo Parish educator **K. Renae Pullen** (1998) was appointed to a new national advisory panel created to encourage scientific and technological innovations in education. Pullen will join the Science, Technology, Engineer and Mathematics Advisory Panel established in 2017 that is composed of individuals from non-profit, business, academic and information education organizations and will advise the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education on matters related to the nation's STEM education efforts.

The National Science Foundation in consultation with the Department of Education, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced the appointment in July.

Pullen has been an educator in Caddo Parish for more than 18 years, teaching at Riverside Elementary and Herndon Magnet. She also taught undergraduate and graduate students as an adjunct professor for Louisiana Tech and LSU-Shreveport. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education at NSU and a Master of Education in educational leadership at LSU-Shreveport. She is also certified as a Teacher Leader by the State of Louisiana.

Pullen has served on several local, state and national committees, presented at numerous workshops and conferences and currently serves as a member of the Teachers' Advisory Council for the National Academies of Sciences. Pullen has received numerous awards including the Wal-Mart Local Teacher of the Year award in 2007, Caddo Parish Teacher of the Year in 2006, several grants, a Fund for Teachers fellowship to study creativity and STEM in Spain, a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study the American Skyscraper in Chicago, Northwest



Louisiana Young Professionals Initiative's 40 Under 40 in 2015 and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

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**Kevin Gray Richardson** (1997) has taken over as band director at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas. He was previously band director of the Marching Mountaineers at Appalachia State University. Richardson is a native of Baytown, Texas, who earned a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Texas at Austin, a master's in conducting from NSU and a doctorate in conducting from University of Houston Moores School of Music. He is a former percussionist who taught high school for 10 years.

The UTPB Falcon Marching Band is relatively young and Richardson plans to grow the program.

He and his wife Jenny have two daughters, Sydney, a sixth grader, and Luca, a kindergartner.

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**Lisa Lukowski Wiggins** (1990) was named the 2018 H. Norman Saurage III Service Award winner, an honor that recognizes a public school teacher who has not only demonstrated outstanding instructional skills, but has made an exceptional personal contribution outside of the classroom to student enrichment, professional leadership or community service.

Wiggins was honored at the Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala July 27.

"The Saurage family's support for educators and students continues to bless our children across the country,"

Wiggins said. "Receiving this award is a true honor and testament to our community. My heart is full and I accept this recognition with humility as I have the privilege of living out my dream each and every day. I would like to extend a special thank you out to the Saurage family and the Dream Teacher organization for working so hard to celebrate the work of our fine educators."

Wiggins earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education at NSU, a Master's of Education in Counseling at LSU and Plus 30 graduate hours. She is certified in elementary grades, kindergarten, supervisor of student teaching, counselor in elementary schools and school librarian.

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Oceans Healthcare Chairman and CEO **Stuart Archer** (1998) was recognized as Y's 2018 Entrepreneur of the Year in the Health category for the southwest region. The program is a prestigious business awards program for entrepreneurs. Archer was chosen from an independent panel of judges including leaders from business, finance and the local community.

TPG client Oceans Healthcare is a nationally recognized provider of behavioral health services, treating patients experiencing symptoms of depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, behavioral changes related to medication management or substance abuse and other behavioral issues. Oceans Healthcare offers inpatient behavioral services as well as intensive outpatient services.

Archer worked as a nurse's aide in a skilled nursing facility and recognized the struggles that many patients endured when managing their illnesses, specifically older adults and seniors. He served as senior vice president of market development for LHC Group and chief operating officer at LifeCare Management Services prior to becoming Chairman and CEO of Oceans Healthcare.

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Caddo Sheriff's **Cpl. Justin McDonnell** (2007) was named Hero of the Year by First Baptist Church Bossier. Cpl. McDonnell, Shreveport Fireman Jae-Preston Pollard, and U.S. Air Force Captain Khalisha Starr were recognized during the church's annual Honor Our Heroes event on Aug. 26. The three were selected for their service by a committee which chose Heroes of the Year from 15 nominees representing active law enforcement, active firefighters, and active military. McDonnell is an 11-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office currently assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force. In the past year, he has participated in the apprehension of 52 wanted murderers, eight escapees, seven kidnappers, and 39 armed robbers.

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Ville Platte native **Travis Fontenot** (2008) was hired as executive director of The Dixie Center for the Arts in Ruston. Fontenot earned a bachelor's degree in theatre performance and directing at Northwestern and spent eight years at Pine Prairie High School as coordinator of the theatre program. He earned a master's degree in arts administration from Louisiana Tech this past spring and was hired from among 15 applicants. Fontenot, 32, will begin his new theatrical endeavor this fall following a summer internship in Williamstown, Massachusetts, as apprentice coordinator for the Williamstown Theatre Festival.



## Honorees will be recognized at Alpha 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion



Mrs. Hampton Williams



Gwendolyn Kimble



Carisma Ramsey Fields



Ashani Bennett



Matthew Miles

At the upcoming NSU Homecoming Weekend in October, former campus chapter members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.® will honor individuals who have continued to serve their organizations after graduation.

In 1973, both organizations were chartered on the campus of Northwestern State University with the guidance of their graduate advisors Mrs. Lueburda Jamison Myers and Mr. Hampton Williams. To that cause, the undergraduate and alumni members will celebrate their 45th Anniversary at NSU Homecoming, October 26 through 28, 2018.

On Friday, festivities will kick-off with the NSU Homecoming Parade and pep rally followed by a Gala Banquet at the Student Union Ballroom. Banquet honorees are alumni members Ms. Gwendolyn Kimble, currently serving as South Central representative for the International Technology Committee; Ms. Carisma Ramsey Fields, Chairman of the International Communication Committee, and Ms. Ashani Bennett, representative for the International Program Committee. Mrs. Leanna Williams (surviving charter advisory spouse) will be awarded the "Mother Singleton Award." Matthew Miles will be recognized for his service as Chapter Advisor, Louisiana Jarret Debate Team coordinator and district planning committee member.

The Reunion Celebration will continue Saturday morning with the recognition of charter members, current and former graduate chapter presidents and graduate advisors. The afternoon activities will feature the Alpha tailgate, Homecoming game, Black Alumni Alliance After Party and culminate with a church service on Sunday at the Wesley Foundation.

Any former members interested in participating in the reunion should contact Nancy Perry for the AKA Alumni [magic\\_creation@yahoo.com](mailto:magic_creation@yahoo.com) or Alpha Phi Alpha register at [WWW.NSUTHEACHIALUMNI.COM](http://WWW.NSUTHEACHIALUMNI.COM) or contact Ricky Larvadain [rickyarvadainjr@gmail.com](mailto:rickyarvadainjr@gmail.com).

## Miss Louisiana Holli Conway promotes confidence and encouragement



Holli' Conway of Monroe, a 2016 graduate of Northwestern State, was crowned Miss Louisiana June 23 and represented the state in the Miss America pageant Sept. 9, which was also Conway's birthday.

The Miss Louisiana competition featured 33 women from all over the state, including four others with NSU connections. Conway competed as Miss Heart of Pilot. Current student Miss Slidell Jordan Waddell of Slidell was fourth runner-up. Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Aly Jacobs of Houston and Miss Taste of the Twin Cities Hannah Teutsch, a 2017 NSU graduate, were top 10 finalists. Miss Cenla Htet Htet Rodgers of Alexandria also competed. Conway also won the Talent Competition singing "I Believe" by Fantasia.

As an NSU student, Conway was a track and field student-athlete and majored in theatre with an emphasis in musical theatre. Until four years ago, she had never competed in a pageant. She first competed in and won Miss Taste of the Twin Cities in 2015. As Miss Heart of Pilot in 2016, she was first runner-up at Miss Louisiana.

Conway has been employed as a playlist production vocalist for Carnival cruise lines.

Her platform is InspiHigher, which promotes confidence, self-love and encouraging others.

As of press time, Conway was preparing for the Miss America pageant, scheduled to take place in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Sept. 9.

## Phi Mu celebrating 50th anniversary



Phi Mu Fraternity kicked off their 50th anniversary with a reunion in the spring. The 50th anniversary celebration continues during Homecoming festivities Oct. 27 beginning with a breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Lasyone's. The group will tailgate from 3-6 p.m. and is planning a group picture at 5 p.m. Those who plan to attend should RSVP for all events by Oct. 25. T-shirt orders, payment and more details will be available on Facebook or by emailing [PhiMu-KappalotaAlumnae@gmail.com](mailto:PhiMu-KappalotaAlumnae@gmail.com). Ready for the event are, from left, Emilie King, Kelli Oertling, Liz Swacker, Kristin Kocian, Emilyn Horton, Joy Moreau, Karen Thompson, Gina Bloodsworth and Angelique Freel.



## NSU First Lady kicks off 2nd year of Forks Up for Literacy service project

Northwestern State University's First Lady Jennifer Maggio will be collecting art supplies for classrooms as the second year of her service initiative, Forks Up for Literacy, begins.

"Teachers use artwork to help teach language arts, so we are looking for things like finger paints, washable paints, pipe cleaners, craft sticks, paint brushes and art smocks," she said.

Maggio will again have a collection site at Collins Pavilion during tailgating on NSU home football game days with help from Purple Jackets honor society, the Alpha Beta Alpha library club and other volunteers. Donors can bring items to the tailgate prior to home football games and drop them off at the Pavilion.

Since last September, Maggio collected about 5,000 books for the Forks Up for Literacy children's book drive

that were distributed to schools and youth centers throughout the region. The number far surpassed her original goal of 1,884, which corresponds to the year of NSU's founding.

Maggio is also networking with the first ladies at other institutions in the University of Louisiana System and hopes to incorporate service initiatives on Saturdays that NSU hosts Grambling, Nicholls and McNeese for home games.

Maggio began the Forks Up for Literacy last year in conjunction with the investiture of her husband, Dr. Chris Maggio, as NSU's 19th president. Her focus on service has been an intrinsic part of life, continuing from her years as a teacher and school administrator. As first lady she has actively engaged with student groups and others to encourage them to assist with needs



Jennifer Maggio and Melanie Maggio

in the community.

For more information on Forks Up for Literacy, contact Maggio at [maggioj@nsula.edu](mailto:maggioj@nsula.edu).



Northwestern State University's Department of English, Foreign Languages and Cultural Studies has started a fundraising campaign to create an endowed professorship named for former faculty member Dr. Julie Kane.

According to Department Head Jim Mischler, the goal is to raise \$80,000, which would be matched with \$20,000 from the Board of Regents Support Fund to create a permanent \$100,000 endowed professorship.

"I am so deeply moved and honored by this news," said Kane. "It is especially gratifying to know that the endowed professorship position is going to benefit the faculty members of the department I worked in for many years. They work so hard, and this is something that will give them support for their research and scholarship, on a rotating basis."

## Department seeks to create a professorship for former state poet laureate

A portion of the return generated by the endowment each year will be used to fund classroom instruction, faculty research, purchase needed software and hardware and cover needed travel to professional conferences. The remainder will be used to increase the endowment.

"Dr. Kane was a highly regarded professor to NSU students and a professional of the highest order to her faculty colleagues," said Mischler. "Her teaching, writing and service for advancing poetry and the arts were, and are, a great service to our department, the university, Louisiana and the world. We are pleased to recognize her outstanding artistic and scholarly accomplishments through the Dr. Julie Kane Endowed Professorship."

Kane was Louisiana poet laureate from 2011-13. Her latest book is "Paper Bullets." She won the Donald Justice Poetry Prize for "Jazz Funeral." A former Fulbright Scholar, Kane was a winner of the National Poetry Series Open Competition for her book "Rhythm & Booze." Her other books include "Paper Bullets," a collection of humorous po-

ems, published in 2014 by White Violet Press. Her fifth collection, "Mothers of Ireland," will be published by the LSU Press in 2020 in their Southern Messenger Poetry Series.

She was a 2016 Best American Poetry selection and a finalist for one of the major prizes in American poetry, The Poets' Prize for the Best Collection of American Poetry. Kane was a judge for the 2005 National Book Award in Poetry. Northwestern State honored her with the 2004 Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award and the 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award. She served as advisor for Argus, Northwestern State's award-winning literary magazine.

Kane retired from Northwestern State in 2016 and continues an active schedule of writing, teaching and poetry readings. Earlier this year, she joined the faculty of Western Colorado State University's low residency MFA program.

To contribute to the professorship go to [english.nsula.edu/donate](http://english.nsula.edu/donate). For more information, call (318) 357-4414.



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# HOMECOMING

*Schedule-at-a-Glance* 2018



## Thursday, Oct. 25th

- 9:30 AM — J. Walter Porter Forum  
@ David Morgan Room (Room 107) — Russell Hall
- 6:00 pm — NSU BAA Alumni Mixer  
@ Chateau St. Denis (751 2nd Street)

## Friday, Oct. 26th

- 9:00 am — Alumni Association Board Meeting  
@ Student Union - Cane River Room

## Saturday, Oct. 27th

- 9:00 am — Homecoming Alumni Breakfast and Bingo  
@ Collins Pavilion
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Alpha Kappa  
Alpha Sorority mentoring workshop  
@ Student Union - Room 321
- 10:00 am — N Club Hall of Fame Induction  
@ Prather Coliseum
- 11:00 am — College of Business and Technology Outstanding  
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- **NSU Foundation Board Meeting**  
@ Caspari Hall Conference Room - 3rd Floor
- 11:00 am – **Homecoming Golf Tournament**  
@ NSU Rec Complex
- 1:00 pm – **NSU BAA - Life Lessons with Laughter & Love**  
featuring the Al Rucker Show  
@ Student Union - Ballroom
- 5:00 pm – **Alumni Art Exhibit : Woodworking with Mike Wilson** @ Orville Hanchey Gallery
- 5:30 pm – **Homecoming Parade**
- 6:00 pm – **Pep Rally**
- 6:30 pm – **Rockin' on the Riverbank** Homecoming Festival on the Downtown Riverbank
- **Alumni Jazz Orchestra Concert**  
@ Alumni Plaza
- 7:00 pm – **NSU BAA Diamond Life Greek Show**  
@ A.A. Fredericks Auditorium
- **1988 and 1998 Football Reunion**  
@ Chateau St. Denis
- 7:30 pm – **Homecoming Awards**  
during Rockin' on the Riverbank
- 8:00 pm – **AKA/ Alpha Reunion Gala**  
@ Student Union - Ballroom
- 8:30 pm – **Downtown by Decades:** Graduates will meet up downtown at specific locations by graduation year.  
50s & 60s - Pioneer Pub  
70s - Merci Beaucoup (restaurant)  
80s - Merci Beaucoup (backroom)  
90s - Bon Ami (above The Landing)  
2000s - Mama's Blues Room  
2010s - Maglieaux's
- 10:00 pm – **NSU BAA Diamond Life After Party**  
@ The Edge

- **Black Alumni Alliance Business Meeting**  
@ Student Union - Cane River Room
- 11:30 am – **Luncheon for Past Homecoming Kings and Queens & Mr. & Mrs. NSU**  
@ Student Union - Ballroom
- 12:00 pm – **Sigma Tau Gamma Reunion Luncheon**  
@ Student Union - President's Room
- 1:00 pm – **Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development Reunion**  
@ Teacher Education Commons Area
- **Alphas & AKAs Group Photo**  
@ Student Union Front Entrance
- 1:30 pm – **Hall of Distinguished Educators Induction Ceremony**  
@ Teacher Education Auditorium - Pod A
- 2:00 pm – **Tailgating Activities** @ Collins Pavilion and Donald's Demon Alley and Practice Field
- **NSU BAA Alumni Picnic & Tailgate**  
@ Practice Field
- 3:00 pm – **Demon Regiment Open House and Tailgate**  
@ James A. Noe Military Science Building
- 5:30 pm – **Pregame Activities** @ Turpin Stadium
- 5:45 pm – **Distinguished Educators/Business Hall of Distinguished Honors** recognized on field
- 6:00 pm – **Northwestern State vs. Houston Baptist**  
@ Turpin Stadium
- 7:30 pm – **Halftime Ceremonies** @ Turpin Stadium
- 10:00 pm – **NSU BAA After Party**  
@ Natchitoches Country Club

\*\*\*\*\* Events, times and locations are subject to change \*\*\*\*\*





*NSU dance students perform for the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System at the board's December meeting at Northwestern State.*

## Regents approve Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance

A Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance at Northwestern State University was approved by the State Board of Regents during their June meeting. The new program began this fall and is the only one of its kind at a public university in Louisiana.

"This degree will focus on giving students the tools they need to be successful in the dance field," said Director of Dance and Associate Professor of Dance Kirstin Riehl. "As a dance major, students will prepare not only to develop the physical skills, but also to explore the history, theory and science of the art of dance. The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance will provide our students with the opportunities in the areas of performance, choreography and pedagogy."

Riehl said Northwestern State's Theatre and Dance department would continue to foster relationships with leading choreographers and cutting-edge guest artists in the dance community.

"This an extremely exciting time for the School of Creative and Performing Arts, said Riehl. "Without the continued support of our administration this de-

gree would not have been approved."

Riehl co-authored the degree proposal with Assistant Professor of Dance Brett Garfinkel.

The program is designed to prepare students to be well-rounded professional performers, educators and active leaders in the dance community who are skilled in both composition and performance of dance. A BFA program contains more courses in dance than a Bachelor of Arts program.

Objectives for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance are to:

- develop technical mastery in dance techniques within both professional practice and performance
- become knowledgeable with the cultural and historical dimensions of dance and apply these principals in choreographic and pedagogical environments to support student's work;
- articulate critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills in theoretical and practical application in dance

- demonstrate an integral understanding in the principles of dance training as it applies to self-practice, pedagogy, anatomy and kinesiology;
- understand and apply techniques and principles of choreography, producing and creating work, directing dances and producing a concert
- cultivate an appreciation for the technical side of performing arts, working in the lighting, scene and costume shops.

The university is heavily invested in the dance world, recently hosting the Southern Regional Conference of the American College Dance Association. The conference drew more than 500 dance students, faculty and musicians to NSU and raised the university's profile in the dance community. Riehl said the program could encourage Louisiana dance students to be educated in the state or attract out-of-state dance students to NSU while increasing the university's visibility as a performing arts center.





## NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY THE DEAR SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

*Celebrating 30 Years*

Logo designed by alumnus and former faculty Larrie King

**Northwestern State University's Mrs. H. D. Dear Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)** is commemorating its 30th anniversary during the 2018-19 season with a year-long celebration of the arts.

During the upcoming months, several alumni of the School will return to campus as guest artists, conductors and clinicians and exhibitions of alumni and faculty art are planned. This year will also mark the 30th annual Christmas Gala that will feature a glimpse at past productions.

The School of Creative and Performing Arts has been designated an Area of Excellence by the University of Louisiana System Board of Trustees, endowed by a generous donation from the Dear family of Alexandria. The School is comprised of four areas: Music, Fine + Graphic Arts, Theatre and New Media. All four disciplines confer undergraduate degrees with Music and Fine + Graphic Arts also offering graduate degrees. Most recently, the School established a bachelor's degree program in dance, which began with the Fall 2018 semester.

To kick off the Fall 2018 semester, an exhibition by L. Collier Hyams (1992), faculty alumnus, was featured, along with the annual Art Faculty Exhibition, music Faculty Showcase and "The New Mexico Experience" exhibition highlighting reflections on the annual summer art study in Ghost Ranch, New Mexico.

### Music

Music faculty recitals take place in Magale Recital Hall throughout the semester. Beginning in October, concerts will feature Kristine Correil on Oct. 3, Luke Brouillette on Oct. 4, Paul Christopher on Oct. 9, Andrej Kurti on Oct. 11. Guest artist Craig Hultgren will perform a cello recital Oct. 17. Ensemble concerts include the Drei Bones Trombone Trio on Oct. 8, University Jazz Orchestra on Oct. 15, NSU Chamber and Concert Choirs on Oct. 29 and a tribute to Milton Babbitt on Oct. 30. November's events include a Wind Symphony concert on Nov. 1, a Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Concert on Nov. 5, NSU Percussion Ensemble on Nov. 6 and Jazz Orchestra Concert Nov. 7. Also planned are a Horn Choir concert on Nov. 12, TTBB/SSAA Choral concert on Nov. 13 and Chamber Winds concert on Nov. 15.

In December, the NSU Jazz Combo will present the annual Jazz for Pups concert Dec. 3. Lessons and Carols will be at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Natchitoches on Dec. 4.

NSU Opera will present Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Oct. 19-20. On Oct. 26, the Louisiana Piano Series International will feature Angela Cheng in Magale Recital Hall and the NSU Alumni Jazz group will perform in the CAPA amphitheatre.

The Spirit of Northwestern will entertain football fans during home games on Oct. 6, Oct. 13, and Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 and host the Classic on the Cane Marching Contest on Nov. 3. The band will also be featured in exhibition performances at Dutchtown High School Oct. 20 and in the Natchitoches Christmas Festival parade on Dec. 1.

### Fine + Graphic Art

An alumni exhibition featuring the work of Michael Wilson (2004) will be on display in Hanchey Gallery Oct. 22-Dec. 7 and an exhibition of City of Natchitoches Christmas Festival Posters will be on exhibit in Gallery 2 Nov. 19-Dec. 7 in conjunction with the Christmas Gala Nov. 28-30. Senior and graduate exhibitions are ongoing throughout the semester.

### Theatre

NSU Theatre will present the rock musical "Spring Awakening" Oct. 3-6 and the absurdist existential tragicomedy "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" Oct. 31-Nov. 4 and Nov. 7-10.

### New Media

Journalism Day, annually presented by high school students by the Department of New Media, Journalism and Communication Arts, will take on Nov. 2.

Additional information and a full calendar of events with specific start times and ticket information is available at [capa.nsula.edu](http://capa.nsula.edu).

NSU's School of Creative and Performing Arts is named for the Dear family who lived in Vernon and Rapides parishes in the 20th century, after moving to Vernon Parish with the Gulf Lumber Co. and settling in Fullerton.

Mrs. H.D. Dear, a Georgia native, was a graduate of the Meridian Conservatory of Music and studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She was a prominent music teacher in Alexandria and Leesville for many years whose students won numerous statewide piano competitions, often against more experienced students. Mrs. Dear had a long association with NSU through a series of concerts she established in the 1960s, including an annual spring concert that ran through 1977 at Alexandria's Convention Hall that featured her students and the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra. The concerts showcased Mrs. Dear's top students with each performing a full concerto with the orchestra. She also provided scholarships for many Northwestern State students for many years.

Mrs. Dear was awarded the NSU Service Award by then NSU President Dr. Arnold R. Kilpatrick at the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Christmas Gala in 1976. The Department awarded the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. Memorial Scholarship in 1987 after her death.

Alice Dear graduated from Leesville High School and was an educator in Rapides Parish for 35 years teaching English and music to several generations of Rapides Parish students. In 1993, she pledged a bequest to the Department of Creative and Performing Arts, prompting the university to petition the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities to name the school in honor of the Dear family, which took place in 1994. Alice Dear died in 1998 and the following year, the School received \$600,000 from the Dear estate, which was then the largest private donation ever made to the university. The funds established an endowment to provide scholarships for students in the School, with piano and violin students as initial benefactors.



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## Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity



Alumni members of the Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity created a scholarship for a high-achieving chapter member engaged in community service. From left are NSU Development Officer Kimberly Gallow, Michael D. Scott, past chapter advisor; David Kozak, former state officer/director of Bigger and Better Business; Director of Development Jill Bankston, CFRE, and NSU Dean of Students Frances Conine. Not shown is current Zeta Iota Chapter advisor and current State Director Bigger and Better Business Shur-Shet Vaughn Weaver.

## Les Amies Service Organization



Cheyenne Paige Ebarb of Zwolle was named recipient of the Les Amies Service Organization Service and Leadership Award for the 2018-2019 academic year. The annual scholarship is awarded to an upper-level female Northwestern State University student who demonstrates strong leadership and a commitment to community service. Preference is given to a resident of Natchitoches or surrounding parishes. From left are Erin Dupree, Nicole Ezernack, Ebarb, Kimberly Gallow, Cady Caskey and Crystal Metoyer. Les Amies is a women's service organization established in Natchitoches in 1958 that encourages service, friendship, hospitality and loyalty.



**Joe Sepulvado**

## ANECA Federal Credit Union

ANECA Federal Credit Union is honoring the memory of a past board member by creating a scholarship in his name to be presented to a student pursuing an accounting degree through Northwestern State University's School of Business. The ANECA Federal Credit Union – Joe Sepulvado Scholarship is an annual award of \$1,000 that will be presented to an entering or currently enrolled student from Caddo, Bossier or DeSoto Parish. The recipient must be a full-time student and maintain a

minimum 2.5 grade point average.

Sepulvado was born in Converse and graduated from Zwolle High school in 1967. He graduated from Northwestern State in 1971 as a double major in accounting and business administration. In 2009, Sepulvado was inducted into Northwestern State University's Hall of Distinction for the School of Business. He served as former President and member of the Arklatex chapter of Internal Auditors and was a past board member of both ANECA Federal Credit Union and the Louisiana Oil and Gas Museum. He passed away Aug. 20, 2017.

## Dylan Kyle Poche Family



The family of Dylan Kyle Poche presented the NSU Foundation with \$14,000, proceeds from a fishing tournament organized in memory of the NSU student angler. Two freshman students on the NSU Fishing Team will each receive \$5,000 this year with the remainder going to defray NSU Fishing Team expenses. From left are NSU Director of Development Jill Bankston, Fishing Team Sponsor Juddy Hamous, Jackson McGee of Shreveport, Burt and Shelley Poche, NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio, Gage Ulrich of Pineville and NSU Development Officer Brittany McNeely. More information about Poche and the tournament is available at [dylankylepoche.com](http://dylankylepoche.com). Information the NSU Fishing Team is available at [BeADemon.com/fishing](http://BeADemon.com/fishing). To apply for a scholarship through the NSU Foundation, visit [northwesternalumni.com/form](http://northwesternalumni.com/form) or contact Kelly Krouse at [kayk@nsula.edu](mailto:kayk@nsula.edu) or (318) 357-4248.



## Philanthropist Shawn Daily



Shawn Daily is investing in Louisiana's future by creating a scholarship for Northwestern State University students. Daily, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Natchitoches, created a scholarship through a donation to the NSU Foundation with preference for students majoring in business, finance, accounting, marketing or related fields.

Daily, who has taught classes in NSU's School of Business over the years and supported many university events, said it's his way of giving back. In addition to meeting promising future business leaders through the School of Business, many of his clients have been associated with the university. He and his wife are long-time platinum underwriters of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society and supported NSU's two main spring fund raisers, Flavor of Louisiana and the Dragon Boat Races. He has also served as chapter advisor and financial advisor to NSU's Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

From left are Daily, NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio and NSU Development Officers Jill Bankston, Rebekah Burleson and Kimberly Galloway.

## Family & Friends of Bill Causey



Family and friends of the late Bill Causey created a scholarship for jazz musicians at Northwestern State University. Causey, well-known in the music community as a performer, teacher, mentor and owner of The Band House, a store for band and music supplies, was influential to many musicians and music educators in the region. He passed away Feb. 28.

Causey was active as a performer until his final days, leading the popular Bill Causey Orchestra, an ensemble with a 40+ year history, at regular casino gigs in Shreveport and Bossier City.

Though Causey was raised as a classical trumpet player, his passion in music was big band jazz. Among numerous other honors, he is a member of the Louisiana Jazz Hall of Fame.

Organizers hope the scholarship will reach its full endowment of \$10,000. To contribute to the scholarship, visit [northwesternalumni.com](http://northwesternalumni.com).

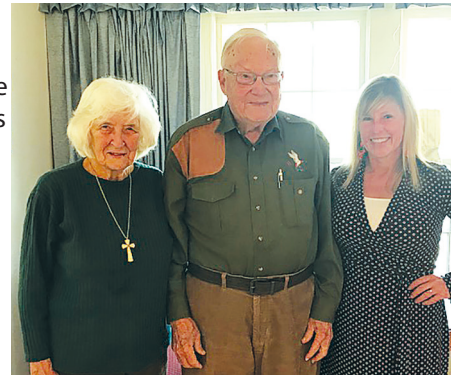
## Ray & Melba Scurlock

A Shreveport couple established scholarships at three different universities in Louisiana, including Northwestern State University, to benefit deserving students.

The Scurlock Family Scholarship, created through a donation to the NSU Foundation from Ray and Melba Scurlock, will be awarded to a full-time student in good standing with a 2.5 or better grade point average. First preference will be given to students that are direct descendants of Ray and Melba Scurlock. The couple, ages 94 and 89, have five children, 19 grandchildren and over 30 great-grandchildren.

Ray Scurlock said he and his wife intentionally chose to support universities that their children attended. The Scurlocks have a daughter and son-in-law who graduated from Northwestern State, Judy Scurlock Lenert and Steven Lenert, who both earned degrees in 1972.

They are pictured with NSU Director of Development Jill Bankston, CFRE.



## Winn Family of Marthaville

The families of Bonnie Sue Winn Cantrell and Judy Winn Bridges have established a scholarship at Northwestern State University to benefit a student with ties to the Marthaville area.

The "Marthaville Scholarship by the Winn Family" is in honor of every member of their extended families who ever took classes at Northwestern State. The list, of at least 15, spans from 1933 to 2007, and includes Angie McCartney Carroll, Vories McCartney Bridges, Floye Bridges Randall, Dr. Dwight R. McCartney, Bessie McCartney Lang, Elizabeth Wingate Byles, Joe Ross Byles, Willie Lee Byles, Jr., Willa Dee Byles, Bonnie Sue Winn Cantrell, Judy Winn Bridges, Jody Winn Cantrell, Jill Winn Cantrell Morrison, R.B. Bridges II and Ella Bridges Roos.

Pictured are, front row from left, Nicholas Winn Morrison, Madelyn Winn Morrison and Shepherd Caldwell Owen. On the back row are Jill Winn Cantrell Morrison, Bonnie Sue Winn Cantrell, Drake Owens, executive director of the NSU Foundation; Judy Winn Bridges and NSU Development Officer Kim Galloway.







## N-Club Hall of Fame names 2018 Inductees

All-Americans Latrell Frederick and Jermaine Jones, NFL standout Floyd Turner, softball slugger Brandy Kenney, tennis star Barbara Tons and basketball professional Larry Terry headline nine Northwestern State athletic figures to be honored Saturday, Oct. 27 at the 2018 N-Club Hall of Fame ceremony during the Demons' homecoming celebration.

Joining the six athletes as inductees in the Class of 2018 are former softball and volleyball coach Rickey McCalister and retired athletic trainer Ed Evans. Becoming the second-ever recipient of the N-Club's Leadership Award will be venerable NSU vice president Jerry Pierce.

They were selected by a combination of voting by members of the N-Club, the association of former athletic letterwinners at NSU, and a committee of N-Club members and NSU administrators.

Enshrinement in the N-Club Hall of Fame is the highest honor Northwestern State Athletics bestows on its former competitors and staff. Those receiving N-Club Hall of Fame recognition are showcased in the brand-new N-Club display in Prather Coliseum.

The 2018 ceremony is at 10 a.m. on Homecoming Day at the Magale Recital Hall, open to the public free of charge. The 2018 honorees will also be recognized that evening in Turpin Stadium during the Demon football team's game against Houston Baptist.

Frederick was a three-time All-American in the javelin in 2000, 2001 and 2003, along with capturing the 1999 USA Junior National championship as a Demon freshman. The Benton native won three Southland Conference titles while overcoming a serious elbow injury throwing 255-7 at the USA Outdoors, coming back from surgery to win the conference title the following May.

Frederick was fifth at the NCAA Outdoors in 2000 and 2001, and 12th as a senior in 2003. He set the school record for the redesigned javelin with a 261-3 throw to win the NCAA Mideast Regional championship in 2003, nearly a year after his injury.

Jones, a high school basketball standout in Morgan City, played football at NSU from 1995-98 and developed into a consensus All-America cornerback on the Demons' dynamic 1998 Southland Conference championship team that reached the FCS playoff semifinals and with a No. 3 national ranking. As a senior, Jones was runner-up

land softball titles in 1998, 1999 and 2000. She started a school-record 225 games and had a career .313 batting average with 22 home runs, 120 RBI, a .509 slugging percentage, setting school records with 225 starts, 216 hits, 352 total bases, and 62 doubles, which remains a program best nearly 20 years after her career ended.

Kenney was the 1998 Co-Hitter of the Year in the Southland and was a three-year All-Southland Tournament selection, helping NSU make NCAA Tournament appearances in 1998 and 2000.

Terry, a Ponchatoula native, has two of the top single-game scoring outputs in school history, a 39-point outing that ranks fourth and a 35-pointer that is sixth. He scored 1,342 points (13.2 average) from 1991-94, includ-

ing a senior season average of 22.5 that is fourth in school history.

Terry took part in NBA preseason camps with the Boston Celtics and New Jersey Nets while also playing professionally overseas. He helped the 1991-92 Demons lead the NCAA with a 94.5 scoring average.

Tons was a highly successful Lady Demon tennis player from 1986-89 who helped NSU win conference championships as a freshman and senior. She is fourth all-time in school history with her .814 career doubles winning percentage, eighth in doubles wins (87-14), and eighth on the career singles victory list (46-22). NSU was 50-18 in dual match play in her career.

Evans was head athletic trainer from 1989-2012 who served on the sports medicine staff in parts of five decades, beginning as a graduate assistant from 1979-82. He emerged as a leader in the field, serving 12 years as an officer (six years as president) of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers' Association, and on the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness. In 2004, he was named the regional "College Athletic Trainer of the Year" by the Southeastern USA Athletic Trainers Association, encompassing seven states including Louisiana, Georgia and Kentucky.

McCalister served in a unique capacity as



for the Buck Buchanan Award voted to the top defensive player in the FCS, along with winning 1998 Southland Conference Player of the Year and All-Louisiana Defensive Player of the Year.

He scored five touchdowns on returns (two interceptions, two punts and a fumble) while setting the school record for career pass breakups (44) with future Pro Bowl standout Terrence McGee, setting the single-season record in 1998 with 21. A fifth-round NFL Draft pick (Jets) in 1999 despite his size (5-7, 172), Jones became a star in the Arena League for Dallas in a career that lasted until 2008.

Turner, a walk-on from Mansfield, set the Demons' career receptions record (105, now sixth) while starring for the 1988 Southland Conference champions who reached the FCS quarterfinals. Turner's 1,810 career receiving yards was second in school history when he wrapped up his career, and now stands fourth.

He was a 1989 sixth-round NFL Draft pick by New Orleans, playing nine years in the NFL with the Saints (1989-93), Colts (1994-95) and the Ravens (1996, 1998). In 114 NFL games, he had 281 catches for 3,805 yards and 31 touchdowns.

Kenney was a three-time All-Southland third baseman and designated player who helped the Lady Demons win three South-

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head softball and volleyball coach from 1987-94 and was manager of Prather Coliseum until 1994, with his greatest accomplishments coming on the diamond. His 245-199-2 (.545) coaching record in softball made him the school's winningest coach until this spring, when coach Donald Pickett overtook the win total.

McCalister's teams were 120-56-2 from 1990-92, highlighted by the 1991 Southland Conference championship team that won 44 games. He recruited and coached NSU's first softball All-American, catcher Rhonda Rube, and also coached the other Lady Demon with a retired jersey, outfielder Ginger Craig, in her senior season of 1987. One of his assistant coaches was former Demon tight end Glenn Moore, now the highly-successful head coach at Baylor.

Pierce has been involved with Demon athletics since his days as a student manager/trainer for coach Jack Clayton's football teams from 1958-61. He has overseen athletics as an administrator since the mid-1970s and became NSU's vice president for external affairs in 1990.

He is also responsible for bringing the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame to Natchitoches in 1971, establishing a display in Prather Coliseum and hosting the first induction (Pro Football Hall of Famer Y.A. Tittle) in 1972. After 19 years as Hall of Fame chairman, he relinquished the role when appointed vice president.



## Bonnette Golf Tournament Grand Finale

After many years of fun for a cause, the grand finale of the Buddy Bonnette Memorial Golf Tournament took place May 19 at Northwestern Hills Golf Course. The final tournament brought a flood of nostalgia to family, friends and former students of Coach Bonnette, who fondly remember their mentor and his contributions to their personal, academic and athletic development. With the final event, the endowed scholarship is over \$113,000.

The tournament began in 2001 as a fund raiser to support the Dr. A.R. "Buddy" Bonnette Endowed Scholarship created in 1998 to benefit NSU students in the Department of Health and Human Performance who aspired to be teachers and coaches like Bonnette. Proceeds also benefitted NSU's men's and women's basketball teams. After Bonnette's death, the tournament continued to flourish for 17 years.

The very first tournament took place on May 28, 2001, on Dr. Buddy and Dr. Vera Roberson Bonnette's 50th wedding anniversary and the couple restated their vows that day during lunch. Dr. Vera Bonnette had a long career as a teacher, principal and clinical professor in the North Louisiana National Reading Improvement Program for Winn, Natchitoches and Ouachita parishes and retired as coordinator of academic skills at NSU. She passed away in 2015.

Dr. Allen R. "Buddy" Bonnette earned a bachelor's and masters at Northwestern and a doctorate at LSU. He was a coach at Robeline High, Neville High and Springhill High before going to LSU as an assistant basketball coach from 1960 until 1963. In 1963, he joined the faculty at Northwestern in the Department of Health and Physical Education where he taught for 23 years and was director of the graduate program. Bonnette retired as a full-time faculty member in 1986, but taught water safety classes part-time for 12 more years.

Bonnette was given the title of "professor emeritus" in 1995. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from Phi Epsilon Kappa, the Distinguished Faculty Chair from the College of Education, the Mayors' Award from the City of Natchitoches and the Outstanding Faculty Award. Bonnette was also recognized by the LSU Department of Kinesiology as one of the initial recipients of its Legend of LSU Doctoral Program Awards. He was inducted into the NSU Alumni Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 2001.

To contribute to the Bonnette Endowed Scholarship, call (318) 357-4414 or visit [northwesternalumni.com](http://northwesternalumni.com).



# Mark Duper to be named part of Dolphins Walk of Fame



## Mark Duper's role in Miami Dolphins history is well known.

On Dec. 2, his NFL legacy will be sealed forever as the former two-sport Northwestern State standout is inducted into Miami's Walk of Fame prior to the Dolphins' game against the Buffalo Bills.

Duper is part of the six-player Class of 2018 that will join the franchise's greats in the shrine located at Joe Robbie Alumni Plaza at Hard Rock Stadium, the team announced in a Tuesday press release.

Duper will be joined appropriately enough by his fellow "Marks Brothers" receiver Mark Clayton in the Class of 2018. Other inductees include defensive end/linebacker Jason Taylor, linebacker John Offerdahl, tackle Jon Geisler and safety Dick Anderson.

A track star who was part of Northwestern State's 1981 national championship 4x100 meter relay team, Duper carved out an 11-year career in Miami, playing with Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Marino.

Going into the Dolphins' Walk of Fame alongside Clayton holds special meaning for Duper.

"Most people don't understand Clayton and I played 10 years together, a whole decade together," he said. "That's something we took pride in. We stayed together and got things done. We won games together. Going in together is something you can't script. I think the only other guys to (play 10 years together as a receiving tandem) were (Pittsburgh's Lynn) Swann and (John) Stallworth. We did

everything they did. They only difference was they won a Super Bowl."

Duper was a three-time Pro Bowl selection with the Dolphins, who selected him in the second round of the 1982 NFL Draft. Playing in a high-powered, trend-setting offense, Duper caught 511 passes for 8,869 yards and 59 touchdowns. He had four 1,000-yard receiving seasons, including 1,085 yards in 1991, his age-32 season.

"If you look at what's important here, it's the rich history of Northwestern State football and the guys we sent to the NFL," said head coach Brad Laird, whose father, the late Billy Laird, was Duper's offensive coordinator at NSU. "It's not only guys playing in the NFL but what they've accomplished there. This is another example of the quality of guys who have left here and gone on to play in the NFL."

"He had an 11-year career and played with one of the best quarterbacks in the game, Dan Marino. He was Marino's favorite target, which should tell you what he meant not only to Marino but to the Dolphins."

Duper lettered two seasons (1980-81) in football at Northwestern State, but his speed made him an appealing prospect for the Dolphins.

Combining with Clayton, Duper formed one of the steadiest, most reliable pass-catching duos in the NFL, one that had roots at Turpin Stadium.

"I have to thank Jerry Dyess for recruiting me as a sprinter," Duper said. "I have to thank A.L. Williams, our football coach, for giving me the opportunity to play football. Everybody has a piece of this. This is not a one-man show."

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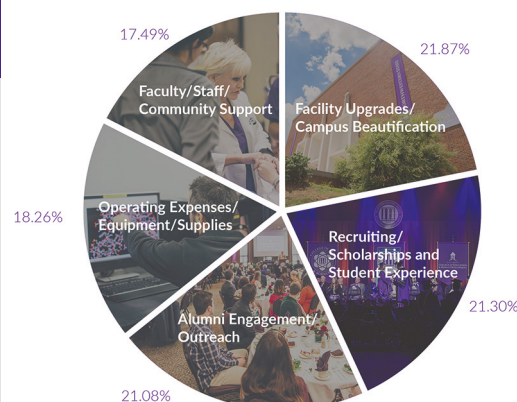
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**Can you name them?**

Email [jacksonl@nsula.edu](mailto:jacksonl@nsula.edu) if you know the answer and include the year you graduated and your city of residence.

*Batgirls featured in the Summer 2018 edition of Guess Who were Chari Barron, Colette Coburn, Yvette Coburn, Becki Maxey, Donna LaFleur and Carla Thomas. Head coach at the time was Herbie Smith. Grad assistant was Ed Spurlock.*

*Those who answered correctly were as follows.*

*Dr. J. Bruce Bryant (1984), Shreveport  
Carl Soileau (1984), Baton Rouge*

# In Memory



- 1940 – Mary Maggio Thompson-Willis, January 24, 2018, Houston/ Natchitoches
- 1947 – Hazel N. Fletcher, April 13, 2018, Monroe
- 1948 – John Edmond “Ed” Jackson, June 24, 2017, Corpus Christi, Texas
- 1950 – Rev. James M. Poole, July 2, 2018, Natchitoches
- 1950 – Marie Abate Rider, June 1, 2017, Lake Charles
- 1952 – James Ray “Jimmy” Johnson, June 20, 2018, Starks
- 1954 – John T. Batten, June 15, 2018, Natchitoches
- 1954 – Billie Jean Dempsey Carroll, December 23, 2017, Pearland, Texas
- 1956 – Clifford P. Smith, June, 23, 2018, Marshall, Texas
- 1959 – Wayne Lamar Bates, Dec. 17, 2017, Olla
- 1961 – Mark Wayne Brosset Sr., July 10, 2018, Cloutierville
- 1961 – Dr. Johnny McFerren, Aug, 2, 2018, Stonewall
- 1963 – Larry P. Rice, July 22, 2018, Keithville
- 1967 – Shirley Baglio Butler, April 30, 2018, California, Maryland
- 1974 – Sarah Bright Maines, June 29, 2018, Gladewater, Texas
- 1974 – Tommy Maines, June 29, 2018, Gladewater, Texas
- 1975 – Shirley Jennings, May 2, 2018, Natchitoches
- 1975 – Dr. Richard “Dicky” Parnell, June 30, 2018, Gibsland
- 1984 – Robert Myers, July 21, 2018, Pelican
- Marilyn Keyser Williams, June 3, 2018, Natchitoches
- Marjorie Ann Norsworthy Harmon, July 23, 2018, Lafayette
- Dr. Jacky Wayne Pace, Aug. 3, 2018, Natchitoches
- Dr. Hurst Hall, Aug. 7, 2018, Natchitoches

# Looking Back

Pictured on the front page of the Current Sauce on Oct. 20, 1938, were members of the State Fair Court. A related article outlines details for a special train chartered for the student body to attend the State Fair contest and join students from Louisiana Tech in a parade in downtown Shreveport. Tickets for the round trip were \$1.





# Visit NATCHITOCHES

## **64th Annual Fall Tour of Homes**

Friday, October 12, 2018 to  
Sunday, October 14, 2018

Location: Historic Downtown Natchitoches

## **Tapped-Tober**

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Location: Rue Beauport Riverfront

Time: 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Natchitoches' very first Craft Beer and Wine Festival  
"Tapped-Tober" is coming in October!

General admission \$10.

Military, First Responders, Health Care Professionals,  
and Students \$5.

For more information, visit [www.tappedtober.com](http://www.tappedtober.com).

## **Natchitoches Christmas Season**

November 17, 2018 – January 6, 2019

The City of Natchitoches invites you to celebrate the  
holidays at the Natchitoches Christmas Festival of  
Lights.

## **Turn on the Holidays**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Location: Downtown Natchitoches

Time: 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

## **Les Amies Christmas Treasures Arts & Craft Show**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Location: Natchitoches Event Center, 750 Second Street.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Fleur de Lis Arts & Crafts Show**

Saturday November 24, 2018

Location: Natchitoches Events Center, 750 Second Street

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

## **Natchitoches/Northwestern Christmas Gala**

Wednesday, November 28 & Thursday, November 29, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 30

Time: 7:00 & 9:00 p.m.

Location: AA Fredericks Auditorium, Northwestern State  
University campus.

For additional information, ticket prices and to order  
advance tickets contact:

Teresa at 357-4522 or Ladell at 357-5773

## **92nd Annual Christmas Festival**

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Location: Downtown Natchitoches

## **Holiday Tour of Homes**

Thursday, December 13 & Friday, December 14, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Natchitoches Historic Foundation

For tickets call 800-259-1714

